



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Allan et al.
Serial No: 09/675721
Filed: 9/29/2000
For: DEEP UV LASER INTERNALLY
INDUCED DENSIFICATION IN SILICA
GLASS

Examiner: Hoffman, John

Group Art Unit: 1731

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 – 1.98

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Dear Sir:

The Examiner's attention is hereby directed to the following reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. One copy of the reference(s) is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the enclosed documents constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the submitted documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant(s) reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant(s) further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the enclosed references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,


James V. Suggs
Registration No. 50,419
Corning Incorporated
SP-TI-03-1
Corning, NY 14831
607-974-3606
Date: 7-24-03

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

7-24-03
Date of Deposit

James V. Suggs
Name of applicant, assignee, or
Registered Representative


Signature

7-24-03
Date of Signature



O 1 P FORM PTO-1449 (MODIFIED)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF PATENTS AND
PUBLICATIONS
FOR APPLICANTS INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.

SP00-080

SERIAL NO.

09/675721

APPLICANT: Allan et al.

FILING DATE 9/29/2000

GROUP: 1731

REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date if Approp.
	AA	5634955	6/3/1997	Araujo et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-Class	Translation Yes	No
	BA	10288799	10/27/1998	Japan (abstract & machine translation)				
	BB	11167036	6/22/1999	Japan (abstract only)				

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

CA	Svalgaard et al., "Direct UV Writing of Buried Singlemode Channel Waveguides in Ge-doped Silica Films", Electronics Letter, 18 th August 1994, Vol. 30, No. 17, pp. 1401-1403
CB	Svalgaard, M. "Direct Writing of Planar Waveguide Power Splitters and Directional Couplers Using a Focused Ultraviolet Laser Beam", Electronics Letters, 25 th September 1997, Vol. 33, No. 22, 2 pages total.

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609: draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.